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**IN MEMORIAM.**

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**Edward Wilson James.**

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The late EDWARD WILSON JAMES departed this life at his home in Norfolk on October 11th, 1906. He was born in Norfolk, Va., and was the son of John James, Merchant, and Mary Moseley Hunter, his wife. John James was the son of Edward James and Janet Henley, his wife, and was a native of Princess Anne county. He was before and after the war of 1861-65 a member of the Norfolk city councils, a state director in the Norfolk branch of the Bank of Virginia, and a stockholders' director in the Norfolk branch of the Farmers Bank of Virginia. He was director in the Franklin Savings bank, 1865-1877, director of the Norfolk Trust Company, 1866-1878, for many years of which he was vice-president, and a director in the Exchange National Bank from January, 1868, to November, 1882. His father, Edward James, was a captain during the War of 1812, was stationed at Norfolk and Cape Henry, and died of cold contracted while in service, on October 8, 1814. His grandfather, Captain John James, was a churchwarden of Lynnhaven parish, 1791-1792, and was descended from John James who patented 1350 acres of land in 1680-1682. Pembroke Woodhouse, wife of Captain John James, was a daughter of Captain William Woodhouse, vestryman and churchwarden, Lynnhaven parish, 1753-1774. She was descended from Henry Woodhouse, who came to Virginia in 1637, and was a member of the House of Burgesses in 1647 and 1652. He was a grandson of Sir Henry Woodhouse of Waxhaw,

(?) who married Anne Bacon, daughter of Lord Keeper Sir Nicholas Bacon, and half sister to Sir Francis Bacon. Janet Henley was a granddaughter of Captain James Henley, member of the Princess Anne county committee of safety, 1775, and churchwarden of Lynnhaven parish, 1784. He was the son of Cornelius Henley, and Nowdinna Dauge, daughter of Captain James Dauge, Huguenot, who patented 1034 acres of land in 1689, and was a member of the Princess Anne county court, 1691-1696. Lydia Bonney, mother of Janet Henley, was a granddaughter of John Bonney, vestryman of Lynnhaven parish, 1733-1760. He was a son of John, vestryman, 1724, and was a brother of Mary Dauge, wife of Captain James Dauge. Their father Richard, by various patents 1666-1684, acquired more than twenty-six hundred acres of land. Mary Moseley Hunter was a daughter of Josiah Wilson Hunter and Mary Moseley, his wife. He served as a private soldier during the war of 1812. He was a son of Jacob Hunter, who was a member of the Princess Anne county committee of safety, 1775, and Elizabeth Boush, his wife. She was a daughter of Maximilian Boush 2nd, by his wife Elizabeth Wilson, granddaughter of Col. James Wilson of Norfolk county. Col. Wilson was a member of the county court, sheriff, member of the House of Burgesses, and was in 1701 appointed a feoffee for the sale of Crown Lands in Norfolk Towne. He was brother to William Wilson of Elizabeth City county. Maximilian Boush was a son of Maximilian Boush, 1st, who was Queen's counsel for the counties of Princess Anne, Norfolk and Nansemond during the reign of Queen Anne. Jacob Hunter was a son of John Hunter and Jacomine Johnson, his wife. John was a son of William Hunter, physician, who practiced medicine from 1678 to 1719. Jacomine was a granddaughter of Jacob Johnson, Sr., who was a member of the House of Burgesses. Mary Moseley was a daughter of Tully Moseley, an officer in the Princess Anne

militia during the Revolution, and long a member of the county court. He was descended from William Moseley, a merchant from Rotterdam, Holland, who came to Virginia in 1649, and was a member of the Lower Norfolk county court. The first American ancestor of Mr. James was Francis Mason, who came to Virginia in 1613, and was churchwarden of Elizabeth River parish, and was a member of the Lower Norfolk county court and sheriff of Lower Norfolk county.

The first school which Mr. James attended was taught by Mrs. Alice Walters, Norfolk, and the last was Roanoke College, where he studied during the sessions 1866-67, 1867-68. He travelled in England and France for five months during the year 1888. He was a member of the Westmoreland Club, Richmond, the Virginia Club, Norfolk, the Richmond Club, Willoughby Spit (a shore club). He was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, William and Mary College, the Huguenot Society of America, (New York), the American Historical Association, and the American Geographic Society. He was a director in the Norfolk City Gas Light Company, a director in the Norfolk public library, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Virginia Historical Society. He contributed to the "New England Historical and Genealogical Register," the "William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Papers," and the "Virginia Magazine of History and Biography." He was the editor and proprietor of the "Lower Norfolk County, Virginia Antiquary," a publication which has been of great service in making accessible the interesting domestic and social history of Colonial Virginia.

Though reserved, reticent and modest almost to a fault, in the expression of his opinions to his friends and those who knew him intimately, he was an interesting companion, because of his intimate knowledge and love of old books, his-

tory, and the great traditions of his native State. The history of the Virginia people was a passion, almost, with him. His most marked trait, next to his love of Virginia, was his faith in his friends. To them he was loyal and true in all the relations of life, the numerous bequests he made to them in his last will being expressions of sympathetic feelings for them.

Although he was too young to have been a soldier of the Confederacy, and was never a student at the University of Virginia, he gave the bulk of his large fortune—probably \$300,000, to the maintenance of the Confederate veterans in their declining years, and to the support of the State's greatest institution of learning. He also made to the permanent funds of this Society, a substantial bequest by which its work will be greatly advanced. Although he never held any conspicuous position in public life, by his sterling character and fine qualities as a citizen, he has been of great service to his native State, and has set an example by which the man of wealth, as well as the poor man, may profit. By the splendid gift he made to the veterans of the "Lost Cause," and the University of Virginia, he has erected a monument to himself as durable as man can make.

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